FOREST DEPARTMENT.

Draft Notification, dated 31st July 1897.

The following extract from the Transit Rules in force in the Bombay Presidency, as framed under Section 41 of the Indian Forest Act, 1878, (as amended by Act V of 1890) is published for the information of the exporters of forest produce from Mysore into North Kanara and Dharwar Districts of the Southern Circle of the Bombay Presidency.

Rule 3.*—No timber or other forest produce shall be moved within any district of the Bombay Presidency, except within the limits of a Reserved Forest (whether a village forest or not) or of a protected forest,

and, except as is hereinafter otherwise provided, no timber or other forest produce shall be moved from or into any such district,

without a pass from a Conservator of Forests, or from some officer, empowered by a Conservator of Forests, or from some person duly authorized under Rule 13 to issue such pass, or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions of such pass :

Provided that nothing in this rule shall be deemed—

(*a*) to apply to timber or forest produce which is the property of Government, or

(*b*) to apply to timber or other forest produce, the property of one person, or the joint property of two or more persons, which is conveyed in quantities not exceeding one head load once in twenty-four hours, or

†(*c*) to require a pass for the removal of any timber or other forest produce within the limits of the village in which it was produced.

Rule 5.—In the case of timber or other forest produce which it is wished to import otherwise than by sea from any place beyond the frontier of British India, no pass shall be issued under Rule 3 unless upon production of a "Foreign Pass" covering such timber or other forest produce, nor, if such timber be of large scantling, unless it bears a foreign property-mark.

Rule 6.—Every such foreign pass must be in a form, and every such foreign property-mark must be of a description, which has been registered in the office of the Conservator of Forests of the Division into which it is sought to import such timber, or forest produce, and such foreign pass must bear the signature of some officer or other person whose name or official designation has been duly registered in the said office as an officer or person duly authorized to sign such passes.

Rule 7.—Any timber or other forest produce which it is wished to import otherwise than by sea from any place beyond the frontier of British India, may be conveyed within such frontier by any of the routes named in Appendix A or by such routes as may be prescribed by the Conservator of Forests or by any officer of Government authorized by him in that behalf as far as the first depôt on such route established under Rule 15, without a pass under Rule 3, if it is covered by a foreign pass in proper form and duly signed, and if, in the case of timber of large scantling, it is marked with a registered foreign property-mark, but not otherwise.

No such timber or forest produce shall be stocked or deposited in any place between the frontier and such depôt, or be moved beyond such depôt, without a pass issued under the said rule.

Rule 8.—If the Conservator of Forests of the Division shall so direct, no timber of large scantling, which has been imported as aforesaid by any particular route, shall be moved beyond such first depôt without first having a Government transit mark of such description as the said Conservator shall prescribe stamped upon it.

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* The following rule has been made under Section 157, clause (*c*) of the Sea Customs Act :—

No timber, firewood, bamboos, myrabolams and shikakai shipped at any place declared under Section 12 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878, to be a port or at any Customs port, except the port of Bombay and the ports in Sind and in the Districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira and Broach, may be carried in a coasting vessel ;

(*a*) unless at the time of shipment the shipper appends to his shipping bill a pass in one or other of the forms hereinafter mentioned covering such timber, firewood, bamboos, myrabolams and shikakai; nor

(*b*) until the Customs Collector at the port of shipment shall have certified by endorsement on the Shipping Bill that a pass as aforesaid has been produced before him and cancelled by him.

The pass required by this rule shall be either a pass granted by a competent officer under No. 3 of the rules framed by Government under Section 41 of the Indian Forest Act, 1878, and published at page 689 of the Bombay Government Gazette for 1880, Part I, or a pass granted for the purpose of this rule by an officer belonging to any of the classes mentioned below :—

Mamlatdars, Head Karkuns, General Duty Karkuns, Talatis, Kul Karnis, Mahalkaris.

(Notification No. 5421, Bombay Government Gazette, 1884, page 500, and Notification No. 941, Bombay Government Gazette, 1885, page 144.)

† Memo by L. R :—Land which is declared to be a reserved or protected forest does not cease to form part of the village in which it was originally situated merely because it becomes a forest. I think, therefore, that proviso (*c*) to No. 3 of the rules under Section 41 of the Forest Act dispenses with the necessity of a pass for timber taken from a reserved or protected forest to any other part of the village.

Rule 13.—The Conservator of Forests may, if he thinks fit, at any time, by an order in writing,

(*a*) Authorize any person who is an owner of timber or other forest produce, or the agent of any such owner, to issue passes under Rule 3 in respect of any timber or other forest produce which belongs to such person, or to the person for whom such person is agent, and

(*b*) Cancel such authorization.

When the Conservator of Forests authorizes any person under clause (*a*) of this rule he shall furnish such person from time to time with authenticated books of blank printed forms of passes with the particulars required by clauses (4) and (5) of Rule 4 already filled in, and no alteration shall be made by such person in any of the said particulars, or if made, shall have any validity.

The said person shall pay for each such book such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Conservator of Forests and in the event of an order being passed by the Conservator of Forests under clause (*b*) of this rule, shall at once return to the said Conservator of Forests every unused book and every unused portion of any such book then remaining in his possession, and shall be entitled to receive back the amount paid by him in respect of such unused book or portion of a book.

No pass issued by any such person after the issue of an order under clause (*b*) of this rule, and no pass issued by him which is not on a form supplied to him as aforesaid, shall have any validity.

Rule 15.—The Conservator of Forests may establish at such convenient places as he shall think fit, on the routes by which timber or other forest produce may lawfully be conveyed, depôts to which such timber or other produce shall be taken for all or any of the following purposes (namely):—

for examination previous to the grant of a pass in respect thereof under Rule 3 or under Rule 13, or private pass;

for determining the amount of money, if any, payable on account thereof to Government and for the payment of such money; or

in order that any mark, required by law or by these rules to be affixed thereto, may be so affixed.

APPENDIX A.

Routes by which alone timber and other forest produce may be moved into or from any of the following districts (namely):—

Kanara District.

1. Tinaighat road.
2. Majali road.
3. Mouth of Kalinadi River, Sadashivgad, Kodibag and Kadra Bandars.
4. Karwar Bandar.
5. Belikeri Bandar.
6. Ankola Bandar.
7. Mouth of Gangavali River, Munjgooni, Gangavali and Gundbala.
8. Mouth of Tadri River, Tudri Agnashini, Mirjan, Hegde, Dewgi, Manki and Onpinpattum Bandars.
9. Modeshwar Bandar.
10. Mouth of the Venkapur River (Sherali and Venktapur Bandars).
11. Bhatkal River (Bhatkal Bandar).
12. Gersupaghat road to Talgupa (Gersupa and Honawar Bandars).
13. Siddapur road to Sorab *viâ* Warda.
14. Sirsi to Sorup *viâ* Banvasi.
15. Sirsi to Samasgi *viâ* Dasankop.
16. Sirsi to Hangal and Bankapur *viâ* Pala.
17. Katur to Margaddi.
18. Mundgod to Bankapur *viâ* Sanvalli.
19. Mundgod to Turas *viâ* Wargatti.
20. Yellapur to Hubli *viâ* Kirwatti.
21. Haliyal to Dharwar *viâ* Mavinkop.
22. Haliyal to Belgaum, Madanhalli.
23. Unshighat road *viâ* Supa and Shitovde to Belgaum.
24. Supa *viâ* Jagalbet Amod and Hemadge to Khanapur.

Dharwar, Belgaum and Kaladgi Districts.

Every made road maintained from Imperial, Provincial, Local or Forest Funds, and, with the special permission of the Conservator of Forests, any other road.

Penalties.—The penalty for breach of the above rules is imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to five hundred rupees or both, in addition to which under Section 54 of the Indian Forest Act, all timber or forest produce which is not the property of Government and in respect of which a forest offence has been committed, and all tools, boats, carts and cattle used in committing any forest offence shall be liable to confiscation.

II. No fee is charged for the local pass that the holder of a foreign pass is obliged to take out under Rule 5 of the Bombay Transit Rules, beyond a charge of 2 pies per pass to cover its printing cost.

I. CAMPBELL WALKER, COL.,
Conservator of Forests in Mysore.

The 6th August 1897.

Sealed tenders are invited for felling, preparing, and carting timber and bamboos to the undermentioned Depôts from the Forests marked against them within 31st March 1898 :—

No.	Name of Depôt.	Description.	Quantity in number.	Names of Jungles from which timber, &c., is to be collected.	Approximate distances in miles.	Remarks.
1	Shimoga ..	Teak logs ..	100	Kanabur, Hagalmane, Arumballi and Ajjigudda District Jungles	21	
			100	Masrur and adjacent District Forests.	24	
			200	Bhutanbail	20	Shankar
		Reserved logs ..	100	Tavrekoppa, Kudi, Matli,	18	Forest.
		Unreserved logs.	100	Adinkotige, Arnelli.		
		Jambe logs fit for Railway sleepers.	100	Harohitlu, Sagarvalli, Varekoppa, Arnelli and other adjacent District Forests.	22	
		Do	200	Kanabur, Hagalmane, Arumballi and Ajjigudda District Jungles.	21	
		Do	100	Sakrebail Forest Bochavani and Bommenahalli District Jungles.	14	
		Do	100	Riponpete, Dodinkoppa and other adjacent District Jungles.	28	
		Teak poles ..	300	Bommenahalli and adjacent District Jungles.	13	
		Jungle poles ..	200	Ditto ..	13	
		Kiribidrus ..	12,000	Shankar Forest	14	
2	Ayanur ..	Teak logs ..	100	Masrur and adjacent District Forests.	12	Masrur Forest.
		Reserved logs ..	50	Varekoppa, Harohitlu and Sa-	12	
		Unreserved logs.	50	garvalli District Jungles.		
		Teak poles ..	200	Kumsi Forest	10	
		Kiribidrus ..	5,000	Kudi, Matli and Tavrekoppa ..	10	
3	Channagiri ..	Teak poles ..	1,500	Sarti, Hagedahalli, Hunchisiddapur and Agaradahalli District Jungles.	11	
		Kiribidrus ..	50,000	Bandiguddu, Badnehalu and Nulebasli.	15	
4	Ubrani ..	Teak poles ..	1,000	Ubrani block ..	8	Kukavada
		Jungle poles ..	500	Kengadenu ..	8	Ubrani.
		Kiribidrus ..	50,000	Kagihalla, Rakshihalu ..	10	
5	Kanabur .	Teak logs ..	100	Kanabur, Hagalmane, Arumballi and Ajjigudda District Jungles.	6	
		Reserved logs ..	75	Ditto ..	6	
		Unreserved logs.	50	Ditto ..	6	
6	Samudrahalli.	Reserved logs ..	75	Chornedahalli Forest .	6	
		Unreserved logs.	75	Ditto ..	6	
7	Shikarpur ..	Teak logs ..	25			
		Reserved logs ..	50	Kardibetta Forest ..	16	
		Unreserved logs.	50			
		Kiribidrus ..	12,000	Kardibetta and Gangavanasara Forests.	12 to 15	
		Hebbidrus ..	1,500	Ditto ..	12 to 15	
		Teak poles ..	300	Gangavanasara and adjacent District Forests.	12	
		Jungle poles ..	100	Ditto	12	

No.	Name of Depôt.	Description.	Quantity in number.	Names of Jungles from which timber, &c., is to be collected.	Approximate distances in miles.	Remarks
8	Siralkoppa ..	Reserved logs ..	50	Belandur Forest ..	14	
		Unreserved logs.	25			
		Jungle poles ..	150			
		Hebbidrus ..	1,000			
		Teak poles ..	100	Shankrikoppa .. .	10	
		Kiribidrus ..	6,000	Karadibetta	22	
9	Anavatti ..	Teak logs ..	50	Telagadde Forest ..	8	
		Teak poles ..	200			
		Reserved logs ..	50	Bettadakurli ..	8	
		Unreserved logs.	25			
		Hebbidrus ..	1,000			
10	Chitaldrug ..	Teak logs ..	50	Masrur and adjacent District Forests.	90	
		Reserved logs ..	50	Tavrekoppa, Kudi, Matli, Adinkotige, Arnelli.	88	
		Unreserved logs.	50			
		Teak poles ..	500	Sarti, Hagedahalli, Hunchisiddapura and Agaradahalli.	49	
		Kiribidrus ..	15,000	Bandigudda, Badanehalu and Nulebasli. .	53	
		Hebbidrus ..	500	Ditto ..	53	

2. All tenders to be superscribed as follows :—

"Tender for collecting timber and bamboos to the Depôt," and they should be accompanied with Currency Notes to the value of Rs. 100 for each Depôt, which will be returned if the tender is rejected.

3. Tenders to be addressed to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shimoga district. These will be received up to 12 noon on the 13th September 1897.

4. Each tenderer should specify the lowest rate for felling, preparing (squaring), and carting per cubic foot, as follows :—

For logs.	*For poles.*
(1) Of 12 cubic feet and under.	(1) Of 4 cubic feet and under.
(2) Of above 12 cubic feet and up to 20 c. ft.	(2) Of from 4 to 8 cubic feet.
(3) Above 20 cubic feet.	(3) Above 8 cubic feet.

For Bamboos per 100.

5. The successful tenderer will be bound to execute a bond within a week from the date the acceptance of the tender is made known to him and to deposit a further sum of Rs. 150 as security for the due fulfilment of his contract. In the event of his failing to fulfil any of the conditions of his contract, the security amount will be forfeited to Government.

6. The contractor shall be required to conform strictly to such rules and regulations as may be laid down by the Deputy Conservator of Forests during the fire season.

7. The contractor is bound to fell only the trees marked by the Forest Department and no other, and to adze the logs properly according to Deputy Conservator's instructions.

8. The Deputy Conservator of Forests does not bind himself to accept any or the lowest tender, and such acceptance shall be subject to the sanction of the Conservator of Forests.

9. The intending contractor will have to make his own arrangements for carting or floating, as the Department is not bound to make any roadways or cart-tracks, and no excuse in this behalf will be accepted for non-carting of wood, &c., in time.

10. Any further information required by intending contractors may be had on application at the Deputy Conservator's office, Shimoga district, where a copy of this notification and of contract bond required will be found affixed upon the notice board.

C. NARAYANA RAO,
Dy. Conservator of Forests, Shimoga District.

Notice, dated 17th August 1897.

Under Section 36 of the Mysore Forest Rules, notice is hereby given that two logs of rosewood (*Bitê-dalbergia latifolia*), as per dimensions noted in the margin, were found stranded on the banks of the Hemavati River at Majjige village of the Mallipatna hobli, Arkalgud taluk, Hassan district. The logs have now been kept at the Vijayapur Depôt, about three miles to the west of Arkalgud town.

	Length. Ft.	in.	Girth. Ft.	in.
No. 1.	13	0	3	3
No. 2.	16	8	2	4

All claims to the ownership of this wood will be enquired into within two months from the date hereof, after which period the wood will be confiscated and sold on behalf of Government.

S. A. BAPU RAO,
District Forest Officer, Hassan Dt.

Notice, dated 19th August 1897.

1. Wanted a 4th Clerk on Rs. 15 per mensem for a period of four months in the office of the District Forest Officer, Kadur district.

2. The appointment is likely to be confirmed at the end of the above period.

3. The candidates should have passed the Matriculation Examination and should apply to the undersigned before the end of the first week of September 1897.

B. HEERA SINGH,
District Forest Officer, Kadur Dt.

The 25th August 1897.

LEASE OF BAMBOO BLOCK IN KAKANKOTE FOREST.

Notice is hereby given that subject to the following conditions the right, for the period from 1st October 1897 to 30th June 1898, to cut and remove bamboos from the undermentioned block, the boundaries of which are as given in the appended schedule, in the Kakankote State Forest of the Kakankote Range, will be sold by public auction before the Heggaddevankote Taluk Cutcherry by the Kakankote Range Officer on the 25th September 1897.

2. The highest bidder shall be required to deposit, as security with the Range Officer on the date of sale, twenty per cent of the sale amount as a guarantee for the due fulfilment of the conditions, and the contractor may deduct the amount when he pays up the first instalment. Should the highest bidder fail to pay the deposit amount, the Range Officer shall be at liberty to re-sell the right purchased by the defaulter, who shall be required to make good any loss, but shall not participate in any profit on such re-sale. The amount due by such defaulter shall be recovered as a revenue demand.

Conditions.

(1) Bamboos may be cut and removed throughout the whole block.

(2) In cutting green bamboos not less than eight bamboos per clump must be left uncut, and the bamboos cut must be within 4 inches of the ground.

(3) The contractor shall issue his own permits and chits, a sample of which must be filed in the District Forest office and the Kakankote Range office. Any bamboos removed without such permits and chits shall be liable to seizure by any Forest Officer, and the contractor shall have no claim for compensation.

(4) The felling of green bamboos must be commenced on one side and proceeded on regularly by blocks of about 300 acres, and not on any account throughout the whole area simultaneously.

(5) The contractor shall be required to issue permits for bamboos to raiyats of neighbouring villages at not more than the seigniorage rates for their own use but not for sale.

The seigniorage rates are as follows :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Cart-load	2	8	0
Head-load	0	2	0

In cases of disputes as regards the number of bamboos per head or cart-load removed by raiyat the District Forest Officer's order shall be accepted by the contractor, and no claim for compensation shall be made.

(6) The contractor should maintain a register showing the daily issue of permits for cart-loads and head-loads and an extract from which must be sent to the Range office at the close of every month with duplicates of permits issued by him.

(7) The successful purchaser shall pay the accepted bid amount as follows :—One-half on or before the date of agreement ; one-half on or before 31st December 1897.

(8) The contractor shall further deposit in the Government Savings Bank a sum of Rs. 100 pledged to the District Forest Officer as security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

(9) No charcoal should be burnt in the forests.

(10) The sale shall be subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer.

(11) If the contractor fails to act up to any or all of the above conditions he will be liable to the penalties and the compensation which the law permits.

(12) For further particulars apply to the Range Officer, Kakankote.

SCHEDULE.

Name of Forest.	Area of the proposed block.	Boundaries.
Kakankote State Forest.	About ½ square mile.	North—Chigurkere halla. South—Buradikatte block line. East—Chigur tittu. West—District demarcation line.

T. ABDUL KARIM, *Dt. Ft. Officer, Mysore Dt.*

HASSAN DISTRICT.

Notification, dated 21st August 1897.

It is hereby notified that the right of collecting the undermentioned minor forest products (Pasare) in the State Forests, Amrut Mahal kavals and District Forests of the Hassan district will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer or, in his absence, by the Amildars of taluks in conjunction with the respective Forest Range Officers, subject to the confirmation of the Deputy Commissioner.

2. The right to collect the products will extend from the date of confirmation of sale to the 30th June 1898.

3. The sale will be held on the dates and places mentioned below :—

Taluks.	Place of sale.	Date of sale.
Alur	Travellers' Bangalo compound.	11th September 1897.
Manjarabad		13th do
Belur		15th do
Hassan		17th do
Arkalgud		18th do
Holé-Narsipur		20th do
Channarayapatna		22nd do
Arsikere		24th do

4. The products of State Forests will be sold separately from those of the District Forests and other Government lands.

5. Description of produce.

The products that will be sold under this notice are :—

1 Sigekayi, 2 Antavaladakayi, 3 Dindige gum, 4 Honge seeds, 5 Tamarind fruit, 6 Hippe seeds, 7 Marking nuts, 8 Honey, 9 Bees wax, 10 Kapilarangu, 11 Patanga, 12 Maddi, 13 Chilladabija, 14 Palas seeds and flowers, 15 Chagachebija, 16 Halmaddi, 17 Tangadi gum, 18 Magali root, 19 Deer horn, 20 Guggala, 21 Bende fibre, 22 Tarekayi, 23 Jungle saffron.

The principal products will be sold babwar or forestwar, if necessary.

6. The highest bidder shall, on the date of sale, pay a deposit of 25 per cent of the whole sale amount and the remaining 75 per cent within a month of the date on which the confirmation of the sale is intimated to him.

If the lessee fail to pay either the 25 p. c. of the sale amount or the remaining 75 p. c. on the due dates noted above, the products will be sold again at the risk of the purchaser who shall make good all losses but shall not participate in any gain from such re-sale. Any amount that falls due by the purchaser will, if not paid by him, be recovered under the rules for the collection of land revenue.

The lessee will enter upon his right after payment of the full amount due on account of his lease.